

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,)	
establishing the method and avoided cost calculation)	
for CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY to fully)	Case No. U-18090
comply with the Public Utility Regulatory Policies)	
Act of 1978, 16 USC 2601 <i>et seq.</i>)	
_____)	

At the December 20, 2017 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Chairman
Hon. Norman J. Saari, Commissioner
Hon. Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

ORDER

The Commission opened this docket in an order issued on May 3, 2016, directing Consumers Energy Company (Consumers) to file proposed avoided cost calculation methods and costs in accordance with the requirements of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, PL 95–617; 92 Stat 3117 (PURPA). After extensive contested case proceedings, the Commission issued an order on November 21, 2017, (November 21 order) approving a final avoided cost calculation method, inputs, avoided costs, and a Standard Offer tariff to be implemented on December 5, 2017. Given the level of controversy, it is likely that petitions for rehearing will be filed, some of which may address the final avoided costs approved for capacity and energy, as well as issues concerning the Standard Offer tariff.

Because there may be changes to the avoided cost calculations and costs, the Commission finds that the implementation of new avoided cost rates and the effective date of the Standard Offer tariff should be suspended until the petitions for rehearing, and replies thereto, are addressed.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The implementation of avoided costs for capacity and energy for Consumers Energy Company that were approved in the order issued on November 21, 2017, is suspended until any petitions for rehearing in this matter are addressed.

B. Consumers Energy Company's Standard Offer tariff, which was approved for implementation on and after December 5, 2017, is suspended until any petitions for rehearing in this matter are addressed.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26. To comply with the Michigan Rules of Court's requirement to notify the Commission of an appeal, appellants shall send required notices to both the Commission's Executive Secretary and to the Commission's Legal Counsel.

Electronic notifications should be sent to the Executive Secretary at mpscedockets@michigan.gov and to the Michigan Department of the Attorney General - Public Service Division at pungp1@michigan.gov. In lieu of electronic submissions, paper copies of such notifications may be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Attorney General - Public Service Division at 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Sally A. Talberg, Chairman

Norman J. Saari, Commissioner

Rachael A. Eubanks, Commissioner

By its action of December 20, 2017.

Kavita Kale, Executive Secretary